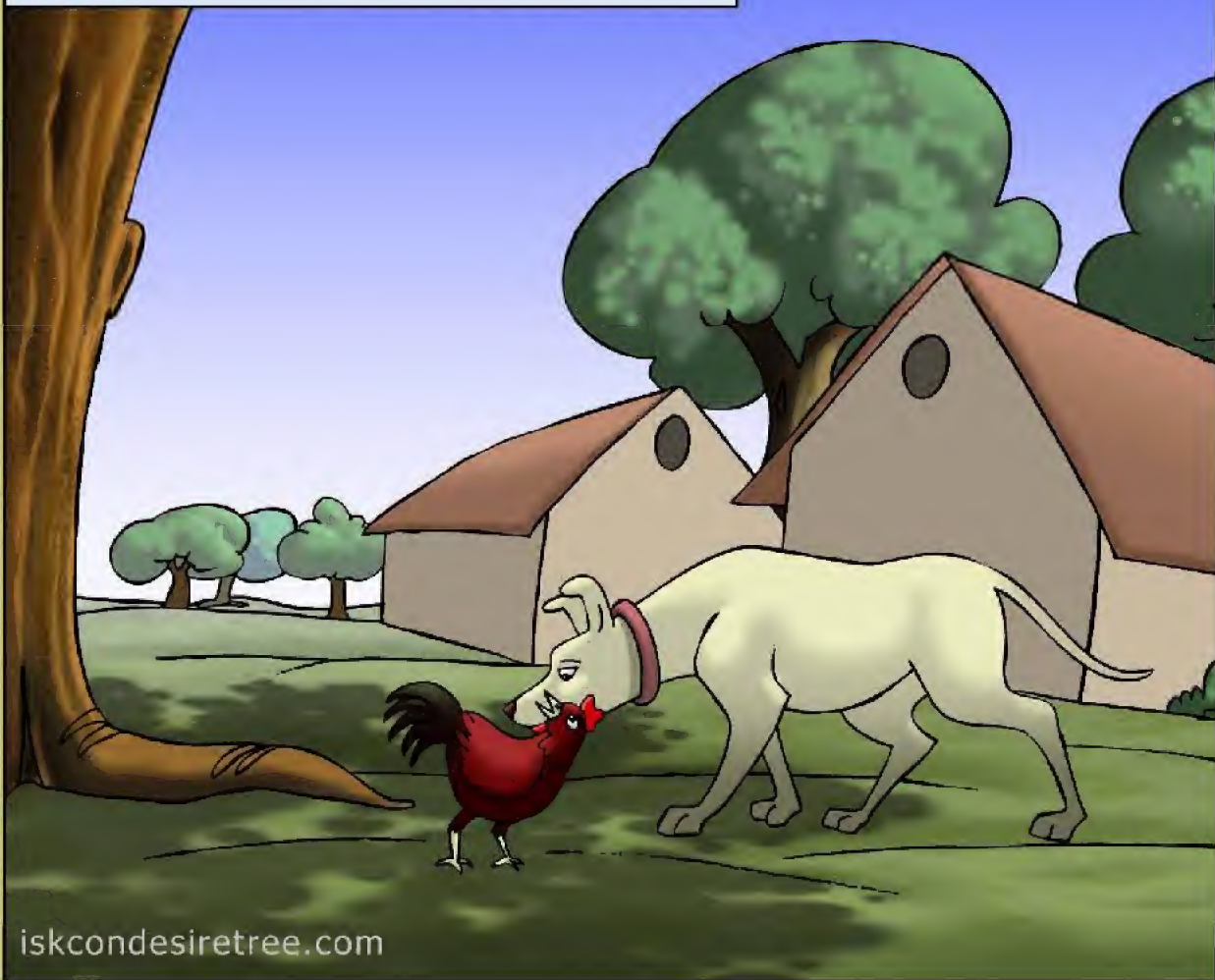


THE CLEVER COCK



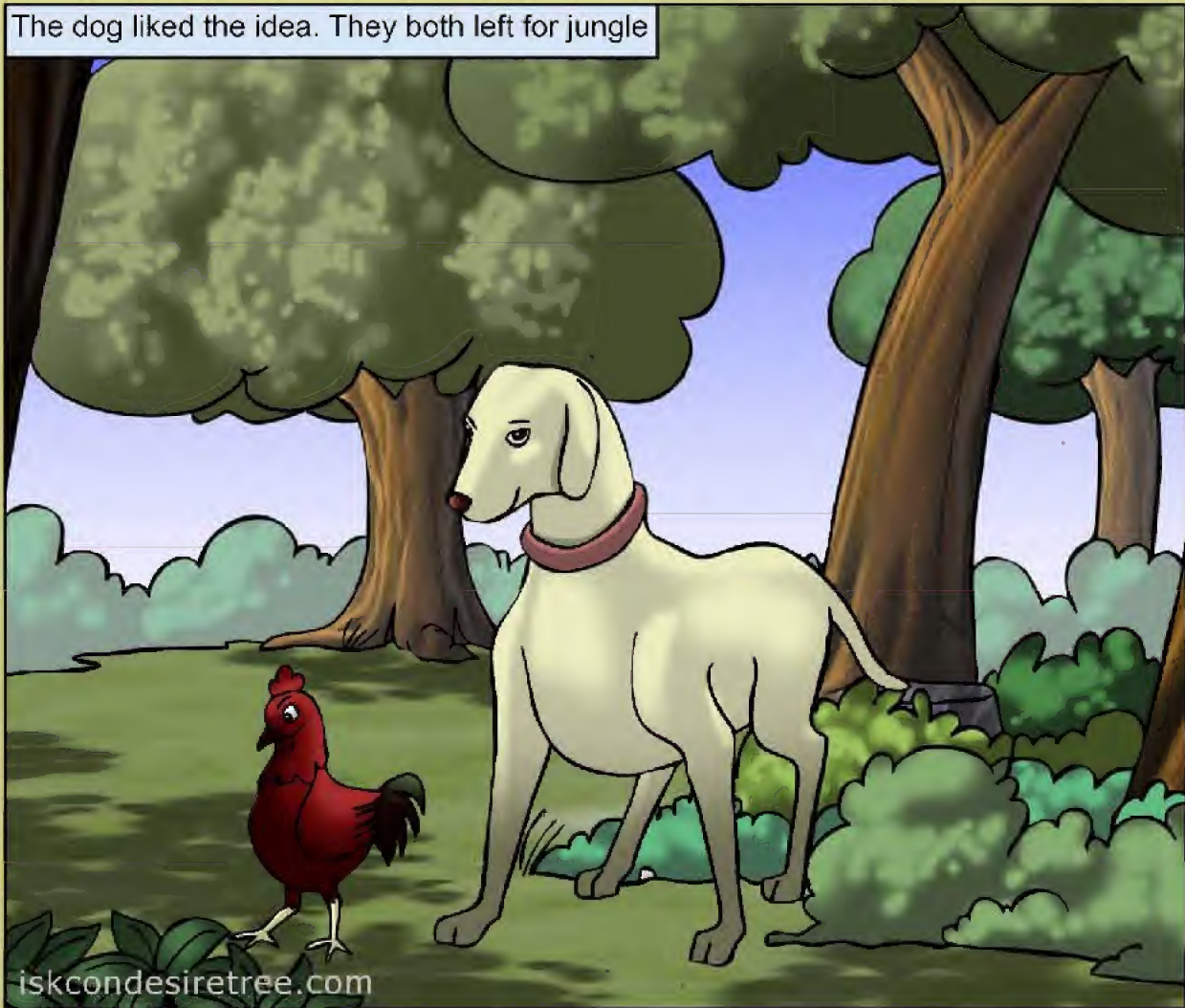
There was one cock. A dog was his very dear friend



One day the cock said...

Come on, lets go to roam in the jungle, which is on the outskirts of the village. We shall see the outside world

The dog liked the idea. They both left for jungle



Both roamed happily. They enjoyed it a lot




But while returning, they lost their way



Gradually, it became dark. But they could not find the way back to village





O friend it is very risky to
roam in night. We will search out
a nice place to spend the night. In
the morning, we will search the
way back to village.
Is it all right?

The dog nodded his head

They found out a huge tree to spend the night. There was a nice hollow in the trunk of that tree. They decided that the dog would stay in that hollow and the cock would remain on the tall branch. Whole night, there were sounds of wild animals, so both were trembling in fear. They both could not sleep for long out of fear



At dawn, at last the dog was fast asleep



But at dawn, the cock has the habit of crowing. So it began to crow

CUCKUCH...COO




One fox heard the cock's voice

Wow! Today for breakfast
i shall get a cock!



The fox came in the direction of that voice and reached the tree. He was amazed to see the cock sitting on the branch of the tree






Hello! Brother cock. Your voice is very
sweet. Please make me hear
some song

The cock became very happy



Then listen

But the fox immediately said...




I cannot see your expressions from so far. Please come down, so that i can see your face nicely. Then i will really enjoy your song and we also can be friends

The cock understood the fox's intension




All right i will come down. But till then
you wake up my friend. He is still sleeping
in the hollow of this tree. We all three
can be very good friends



Wow! Today i will be getting
two cocks for my breakfast!
The cock's friend must be
another cock

So he came near the hollow and said...



O friend, please get
up soon

Hearing the fox, the dog came out barking....



.... and attacked the fox. He began to bite the fox in many places and on neck too. The fox was injured very badly



The fox ran for his life



MORAL :

It's good to be clever,
but not to show it.